

## Martin Van Buren to Andrew Jackson, August 19, 1833, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### VICE-PRESIDENT VAN BUREN TO JACKSON.

Saratoga Springs, August 19, 1833.

*My dear Sir*, I re'd yours with its inclosure last evening and am happy to hear that your health is improving. I beg you to remain as long as you possibly can. The first weeks in September are you know the worst weeks in Washington. I shall give a seasonable and thorough attention to both the papers you have had the goodness to submit to my consideration. The Land question is a matter of great importance and cannot be treated with too much care. If I do no good, I shall try to do no harm to your reasons. In respect to the Bank I regard the only open question to be—whether an order shall be given for the discontinuance to take effect at the commencement of the fiscal year? or whether to take effect before the Meeting of Congress. Much is to be said on both sides of the question and you shall have my opinion definitely on the point in due season. You know the estimation in which I hold Mr. Wright's opinion. You have not had sufficient opportunities to know him but you may be assured that there are but few men in the Country whose advice can be relied on with more safety. He resides some distance from here. I sent for him and had an interview with him yesterday. He went to Albany last night to advise with two or three of our most discreet frei[n]ds there and then to write me his own views to be transmitted to you. Since receiving your letter I have written to him inviting him to accompany me [to] Oswego, where I go tomorrow via Canada and shall be absent from Albany about two weeks. If he goes we will discuss the two subjects at full length and let you have the benefit (if any of our cogitations). This Bank matter is to be the great *finale* of your public life and I feel on that account a degree of solicitude about it but little less than

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that which is inspired by the public considerations connected with it. I hope we shall in the end see the matter in precisely the same light; but be that as it may, inasmuch as I know no man in the purity of whose intentions as it respects the public I have greater, if as great confidence, as I have in yours, and as I cannot but look upon you, as incomparably the most faithful, efficient, and disinterested friend I have ever had, so I go with you agt. the world, whether it respects men or things. . . .